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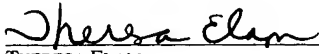
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
Bhashyam Ramesh, et al.	§	Group Art No. 2172
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Serial No.: 10/661,245	§	
	§	Examiner: Jean M. Corrielus
Filed: September 12, 2003	§	
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For: Clustering Strings Using N-Grams	§	
	§	Attorney Docket No.: 11092

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 8, 2006

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The Examiner specified a three-month shortened statutory period, so this Response is due June 8, 2006. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims, if any, are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 4 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.